

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the full return to the academy I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. I take this opportunity to express admiration for our entire school community and how everyone has worked together throughout a period of immense change and committed to live learning from home. The students have shown determination and resilience in continuing their learning throughout the past few months and we are really proud of their achievements. The staff have also shown determination to deliver live lessons to the best of their abilities whilst many of them are also caring for their own families.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the students back from WC 8th March. I have summarised return plans and expectations below.

### **Testing**

If you have consented to testing you have been given a time for your child's first test this week:

Thursday 4th March - Year 10 and 11

Friday 5th March - Years 7, 8 and 9

If you have consented but have not received your allocated time please contact us via [enquiries@redcar.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@redcar.outwood.com)

To allow staff to complete mass testing and prepare to return to school WC 8th March, live lessons will finish on Thursday 4th March. Staff will continue to upload work for students to complete on Friday 5th March and on Monday 8th March for years 7, 8 and 9.

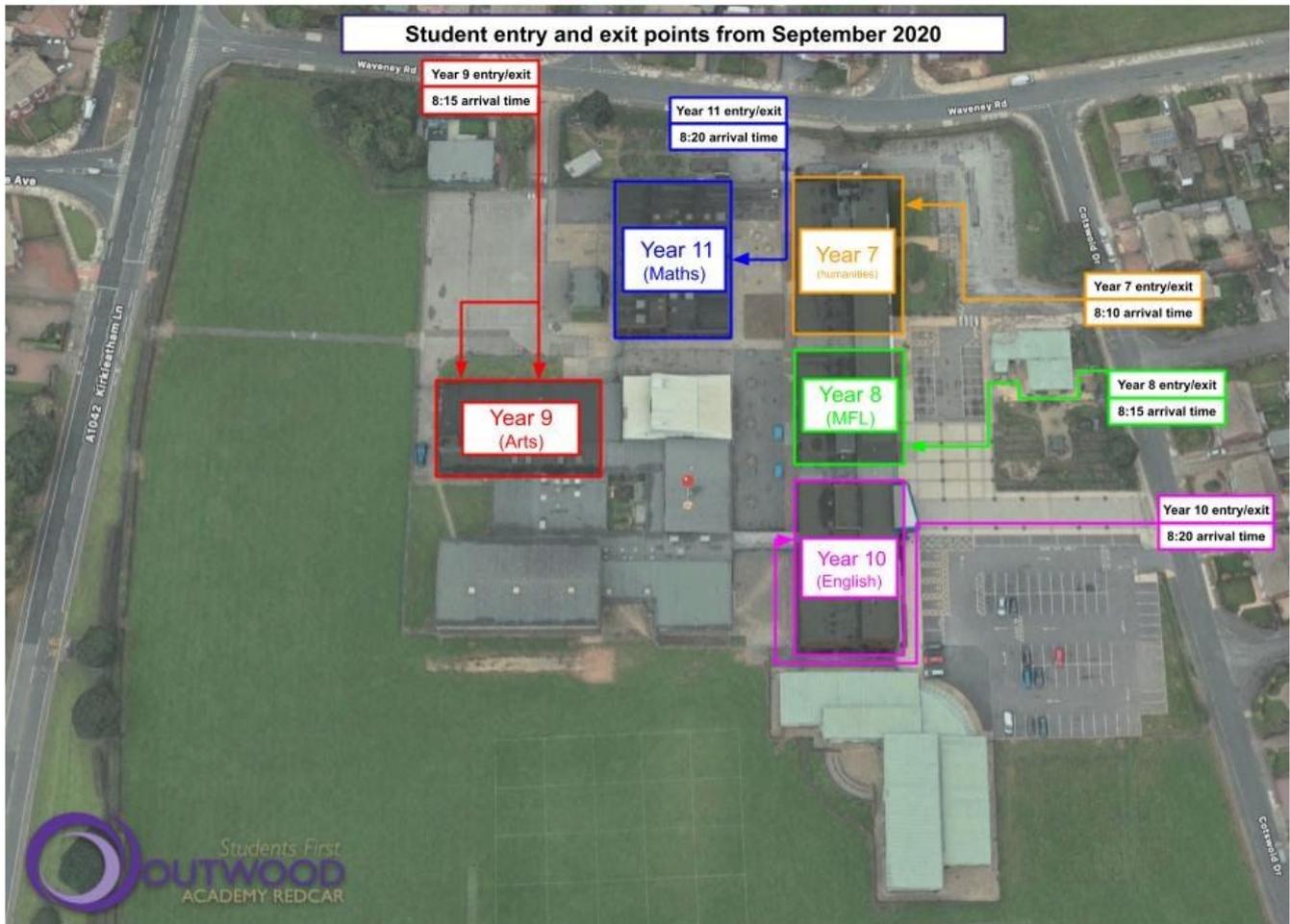
### **Staggered Return**

Students will return to the academy on a staggered basis to allow us to continue with routine testing:

Monday 8th March - Years 10 and 11

Tuesday 9th March - Years 7, 8 and 9

Students will arrive at the allocated year group gate at the staggered start time. For students working from home on Monday 8th March, Google Classroom work will be set.



- Year 7 - Arrival time: 8:10, Departure time: 14:20
- Year 8 - Arrival time 8:15, Departure time: 14:25
- Year 9 - Arrival time 8:15, Departure time: 14:25
- Year 10 - Arrival time 8:20, Departure time: 14:30
- Year 11- Arrival time 8:20, Departure time: 14:30

## Uniform

Students should be in full uniform from W/C 8th March. High standards with uniform are important and we ask that parents support us in maintaining these standards. The shoe policy is clearly stated on page 23 of the student planner. It states that shoes should be plain black and polishable whilst also being free of embellishments. Logos, edging and splashes of colour are also in breach of our policy. With regards to other aspects of uniform; socks must be plain black, hair bobbles must be plain black or purple, jewellery is not permitted and any coat must be large enough to go over the blazer.

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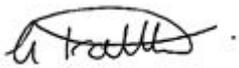
A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.

## **Masks**

For safety reasons, students will be required to wear masks in indoor social spaces and anywhere that social distancing cannot be maintained, this includes in classrooms. Where teachers can maintain a social distance in classrooms they will remove their masks at key points (e.g.) when giving instructions to students. Staff will wear masks in all other indoor spaces. Please support our risk assessment by ensuring that your child comes to school with a supply of masks and that they are cleaned regularly. Exemptions apply but those who are exempt do need to wear the lanyard they were given in the autumn term, this means that each member of staff does not need to ask as it is clear from the lanyard that they are exempt.

One again, I would like to thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing the students again next week.

Your faithfully,



Gemma Trattles  
Principal